

Satellite radio has been a godsend. I am originally from Dayton, Ohio which is a prime example of what's wrong with radio today. Most of the stations are owned by just two companies, Cox Communications and Clear Channel Communications. Each company wants to be tops in the market in a handful of formats, thus each company has stations representing those formats. The end result is a radio market with many stations yet few choices. Occasionally a station will enter the market offering something different, but eventually it is purchased by Cox or Clear Channel and homogenized into what they already offer. There is no jazz, oldies, dance, or big band music station in this market just to name a few examples. Most of the stations also use almost as much time running commercials as they do programming. Finally traffic reports are few and far between and are only broadcast during morning and afternoon rush hours. Since I got XM satellite radio, I have numerous channels offering varieties of music beyond what I could have ever imagined. And they do this without annoying commercials. In addition the traffic and weather channels broadcast 24 hours a day 7 days a week so if problems develop outside of the rush hours I can find out about them so that I can avoid them which just doesn't happen with regular radio.

Besides that, I pay for this service. Because of that, absolutely no one should be able to deny me access to the variety of programming that I now enjoy. If the NAB has a problem with that, tell them that their members should improve the quality and the diversity of their offerings and maybe satellite radio won't be so much of a threat to them